

# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Officer Involved Shooting

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Report Date: 03/27/2019		Bureau/Station/Facility: Central Patrol/ Compton Station		Admin. Invest? <input type="checkbox"/> Hit? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Incident Information</b>					
URN: 017-06628-2822-013		Date: 05/24/2017		Time: 2340	
City or Station: Compton		Nature of Incident: Suspect Luis Garcia was shot by Deputy Miguel Garcia # [REDACTED] during a traffic stop when Suspect Garcia produced a gun and fired at deputies.			
Location: [REDACTED] N. Santa Fe Avenue, Compton					
<b>Location Type (check one or more):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Backyard <input type="checkbox"/> Beach <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Freeway <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Lot <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> School <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Street Other: _____		<b>Lighting (check only one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Darkness <input type="checkbox"/> Daylight <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Street Lights  <b>Weather (circle only one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Clear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Rain  Distance: _____		<b>Incident Type (check one or more):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Armed Person <input type="checkbox"/> Fleeing Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Take Away <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Sniper/Ambush <input type="checkbox"/> Startle <input type="checkbox"/> Struggle Involved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic Stop <input type="checkbox"/> Unarmed Person <input type="checkbox"/> Unintentional <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant Service <input type="checkbox"/> Warning Shot Other: _____	
<b>Initiated by (check only one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest Warrant <input type="checkbox"/> Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Observation <input type="checkbox"/> One Person Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Search Warrant <input type="checkbox"/> Two Person Unit  <b>Prior Activity (check only one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Detective <input type="checkbox"/> Inmate Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine Patrol		Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 12		Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 5	
Aero Unit? <input type="checkbox"/>		Canine Unit? <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Employee Witnesses</b>					
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name [REDACTED]	First Name [REDACTED]	M.I. [REDACTED]	ShiftTime (check only one): EM [REDACTED] PM [REDACTED] Day [REDACTED]	ShiftType (check only one): Regular [REDACTED] Overtime [REDACTED] Off Duty [REDACTED]
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name Schumaker	First Name Keith	M.I. G	ShiftTime (check only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day	ShiftType (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name [REDACTED]	First Name [REDACTED]	M.I. [REDACTED]	ShiftTime (check only one): EM [REDACTED] PM [REDACTED] Day [REDACTED]	ShiftType (check only one): Regular [REDACTED] Overtime [REDACTED] Off Duty [REDACTED]
<b>Non-Employee Witnesses</b>					
Last Name [REDACTED]		First Name [REDACTED]		M.I. [REDACTED]	
Street Address [REDACTED]		City [REDACTED]		Zip Code [REDACTED]	Work Ph [REDACTED] Home Ph [REDACTED]
Last Name [REDACTED]		First Name [REDACTED]		M.I. [REDACTED]	
Street Address [REDACTED]		City [REDACTED]		Zip Code [REDACTED]	Work Ph [REDACTED] Home Ph [REDACTED]
Last Name [REDACTED]		First Name [REDACTED]		M.I. [REDACTED]	
Street Address [REDACTED]		City [REDACTED]		Zip Code [REDACTED]	Work Ph [REDACTED] Home Ph [REDACTED]
<b>Supervisors</b>					
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name Schumaker	First Name Keith	M.I. G	<b>(check one or more):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Witness to shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Present during shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in shooting	
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name [REDACTED]	First Name [REDACTED]	M.I. [REDACTED]	<b>(check one or more):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> On Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Witness to shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Present during shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in shooting	
<b>Watch Sergeant</b>					
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name Silverstein		First Name John	M.I. L	
<b>Watch Commander</b>					
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name Walker		First Name Craig	M.I. S	

<b>PSTD Use Only</b>
SH # 2428248

# Officer Involved Shooting Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee									
<b>E 1</b>	Employee #	Last Name	Garcia		First Name	Miguel		M.I.	A
Sex: <b>M</b>		Race: <b>Hisp.</b>		Rank: <b>Deputy</b>		Unit Assignment: <b>Compton Station</b>		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>281F1</b>	
ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used: <b>N/A</b>			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name: <b>N/A</b>		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: <b>5-6</b>		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uniform w/ Vest		Other Factors:			
Age: <b>511</b>		Height: <b>192</b>		Weight: <b>192</b>					
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:					
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>		Number of Prior Shootings: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Weapons Fired Brand: <b>Smith &amp; Wesson</b>		Caliber: <b>9MM</b>		# Shots: <b>12</b>		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: <b># Shots</b>	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.			
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.			
<b>E</b>	Employee #	Last Name	First Name		M.I.				
Sex:		Race:		Rank:		Unit Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	
ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Age:		Height:		Weight:					
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:					
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>		Number of Prior Shootings: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:		# Shots:		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: <b># Shots</b>	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.			
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.			
<b>E</b>	Employee #	Last Name	First Name		M.I.				
Sex:		Race:		Rank:		Unit Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	
ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:			
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Age:		Height:		Weight:					
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:					
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>		Number of Prior Shootings: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:		# Shots:		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: <b># Shots</b>	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.			
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.			

# Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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Suspect Information				
S 1	Last Name		Garcia	
	First Name		Luis	
	M.I.			
	AKA Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	Sex: M	Race: Hispanic	Street Address:	City
	State & Zip Code:			
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: 25	D.O.B. 04/16/92	Height: 511	Weight: 190
	FBI #	CII #		
Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:	
N/A	N/A		N/A	
Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2017-03881	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Methamphetamine / Heroin	
Armed?	Apprehended?	Mental Illness?	Criminal History?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:		
Cadillac	Seville STS	1998		
S	Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	AKA Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City
	State & Zip Code:			
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age:	D.O.B.	Height:	Weight:
	FBI #	CII #		
	Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Armed?	Apprehended?	Mental Illness?	Criminal History?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:		
S	Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	AKA Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City
	State & Zip Code:			
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age:	D.O.B.	Height:	Weight:
	FBI #	CII #		
	Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Armed?	Apprehended?	Mental Illness?	Criminal History?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:		
S	Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	AKA Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City
	State & Zip Code:			
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age:	D.O.B.	Height:	Weight:
	FBI #	CII #		
	Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Armed?	Apprehended?	Mental Illness?	Criminal History?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:		

### Rollout Information

Rollout Information							
Arrival Date	05/25/2017	Arrival Time	0135	Date Submitted	03/27/2019	Date of Recommendation	
Employee #		Last Name	Grall	First Name	David	M.I.	M
Employee #		Last Name	Arellano	First Name	Thomas	M.I.	M
Employee #		Last Name	Denison	First Name	Trent	M.I.	A
Shooting / Force Information							

## Method

(AW)	Arwen	(OV)	Other Weapon: Vehicle
(BC)	Baton:(Control)	(OB)	Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(BI)	Baton:(Impact)	(OO)	Other Weapon: Other
(BF)	Bodily Fluids	(PK)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(CN)	Canine	(PS)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(CR)	Carotid Restraint	(PH)	Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(CH)	Choke Hold	(PP)	Personal Weapon (Push)
(CT)	Control Holds:(Control Techniques)	(PO)	Personal Weapon (Other)
(TT)	Control Holds:(Team Takedown)	(RS)	Resistance
(TD)	Control Holds:(Takedown)	(CN)	Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(CE)	Chemical	(RH)	Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(OC)	Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(HB)	Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TG)	Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(TP)	Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(EX)	Explosives	(RE)	Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(FH)	Firearm (Handgun)	(SP)	Sap
(FR)	Firearm (Rifle)	(SH)	Shield
(FS)	Firearm (Shotgun)	(SG)	37mm Stinger
(FO)	Firearm (Other)	(SB)	Sting Ball
(FB)	Flashbang	(ST)	Stun Bag
(FL)	Flashlight	(TR)	Taser
(OE)	Other Weapon: Edged	(UC)	Uncooperative

### Type of Injury

(AB)	Abrasion
(BR)	Bruise
(BU)	Burn
(CP)	Complaint of Pain
(CO)	Concussion
(DH)	Death
(DI)	Dislocation
(DB)	Dog Bite
(FR)	Fractures
(GS)	Gunshot
(HB)	Human Bite
(LC)	Lacerations
(ND)	Nerve Damage
(OD)	Organ Damage
(PA)	Paralysis
(PW)	Puncture Wound
(SD)	Soft Tissue Damage
(ST)	Sprain/Twists
(UN)	Unconscious
(RM)	Refused Med Treatment
(NN)	NONE

**Body Part Injured**

(AD)	Abdomen
(AK)	Ankle
(AR)	Arm
(BK)	Back
(BT)	Buttocks
(CH)	Chest
(EL)	Elbow
(FA)	Face
(FE)	Feet
(FI)	Fingers
(GE)	Genitals
(GR)	Groin
(HD)	Hand
(HE)	Head
(HI)	Hip
(IN)	Internal
(KN)	Knees
(LE)	Leg
(NK)	Neck
(SH)	Shoulder
(WR)	Wrist

**Brand**

<b>Brand</b>		(IV)	Iver Johnson	(RO)	Rossi
(AK)	AK-47	(JE)	Jennings	(SW)	Smith & Wesson
(BN)	Benelli	(LO)	Lorcin	(SR)	Sturm Ruger
(BR)	Beretta	(LU)	Luger	(SS)	SIG Sauer
(BW)	Browning	(MA)	Marlin	(ST)	Sterling
(CH)	Charter Arms	(MO)	Mossberg	(TA)	Taurus
(CO)	Colt	(NC)	NCI aka SKS	(WE)	Weatherby
(DA)	Davis Industries	(NA)	North American	(WN)	Winchester
(GL)	Glock	(NO)	Norinco	(US)	US Government
(HA)	Harrington & Richardson	(RA)	Raven	(YY)	Handmade (Inmate)
(HI)	Hi Standard	(RM)	Remington	(XX)	Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(HK)	H & K	(RG)	RG	(ZZ)	Other Brand
(IT)	Ithica	(RI)	RGI		

**Caliber**

(9)	9 mm	(24)	243 caliber	(41)	.410 gauge
(10)	10 mm	(25)	25 caliber	(44)	.44 caliber
(12)	12 gauge	(30)	308 caliber	(45)	.45 caliber
(20)	20 gauge	(35)	.357 caliber	(50)	50 mm
(21)	.22-250	(36)	30-60 caliber	(SL)	Slug
(22)	.22 caliber	(38)	.38 caliber	(WW)	Other caliber
(23)	.223 caliber	(40)	.40 caliber		

**FORCE APPLIED** (one code per block)

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

**INCIDENT:** On-Duty Hit Shooting, Suspect Deceased  
**IAB FILE NUMBER:** SH 2428248  
**URN#:** 017-06628-2822-013  
**DATE/TIME:** May 24, 2017, 2340 Hours  
**LOCATION:** [REDACTED] North Santa Fe Avenue, Compton

**SYNOPSIS**

On May 25, 2017, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Lieutenant David Grall, Sergeant Trent Denison, and Sergeant Thomas Arellano, responded to the area of, [REDACTED] North Santa Fe Avenue, in the city of Compton, regarding an on-duty, deputy involved hit shooting. The incident involved Compton Station personnel and resulted in one deputy injured by gunfire and the death of the suspect.

Lieutenant David Grall took reasonable steps to ensure the involved personnel were in the company of a supervisor and did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators.

Detectives Marc Boskovich and Guillermo Morales from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the investigation. For further information refer to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide Investigative Book, under Uniform Report Number (URN) 017-06628-2822-013 [EXHIBIT A].

On May 24, 2017, Deputies [REDACTED] and Miguel Garcia were working Unit [REDACTED], a Compton Station Special Assignment Operations (SAO) car. Their shift began at [REDACTED] hours and was to conclude at [REDACTED] hours; however, they made plans to work until midnight. They were dressed in full class "A" uniforms and were assigned a black and white sheriff's Crown Victoria patrol vehicle. Deputy [REDACTED] was the driver and Deputy Garcia was the passenger.

At approximately 2340 hours, Deputies [REDACTED] and Garcia were traveling westbound Rosecrans Avenue approaching Santa Fe Avenue. They turned into the "Jack in the Box" restaurant parking lot on the northeast corner of Santa Fe Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue. As they entered the parking lot, a white

Cadillac sedan, (herein referred to as, suspect vehicle) pulled along the driver's side of their patrol car as it slowly exited the parking lot onto Rosecrans Avenue. The suspect vehicle had an object suspended from the rear view mirror, which both Deputies [REDACTED] and Garcia recognized as a citable vehicle code violation. They decided to conduct a traffic stop to address the vehicle code violation.

The suspect vehicle proceeded across the two westbound traffic lanes of Rosecrans Avenue before stopping in the designated left turn lane. Deputy [REDACTED] maneuvered the patrol car behind the suspect vehicle in anticipation of effecting a traffic stop. The suspect vehicle turned left onto southbound Santa Fe Avenue when the traffic signal changed to green. Deputy [REDACTED] activated the patrol car's overhead lights and briefly sounded the siren as the suspect vehicle entered the intersection. The suspect vehicle yielded to the right, stopping midway in the number two lane and the delineated bicycle lane, blocking the driveway to, [REDACTED] North Santa Fe Avenue, a single family residence.

The suspect vehicle was occupied by three adults. [REDACTED] (Witness [REDACTED]) was the driver, [REDACTED] (Witness [REDACTED]), was the front seat passenger, and Luis Garcia (Suspect Garcia) was seated in the right rear passenger seat.

Deputy Garcia approached the suspect vehicle first, taking a tactical position adjacent the right rear tire, where he watched the vehicle's occupants. Deputy [REDACTED] contacted Witness [REDACTED] at the driver's door, then had her exit the vehicle when she began rummaging for her driver's license. She was cooperative as she was escorted to the front passenger side of the patrol car, where she placed her hands on the vehicle's hood, as directed by Deputy [REDACTED].

Meanwhile, Deputies [REDACTED] and Garcia became concerned with Suspect Garcia's movements in the rear seat, so they elected to remove him from the vehicle without further delay. Deputy [REDACTED] approached the passenger side, stopping just behind the rear door. Deputy Garcia leaned against the suspect vehicle to allow Deputy [REDACTED] ample space to contact Suspect Garcia.

Deputy [REDACTED] opened the car door and directed Suspect Garcia to step out. Suspect Garcia appeared cooperative as he reached across his body with his right hand, as if he was reaching for his seatbelt. Suspect Garcia suddenly produced a firearm and opened fire, striking Deputy [REDACTED] in the chest and upper left arm.

Fearing for his life, Deputy [REDACTED] attempted to return fire at Suspect Garcia. Deputy [REDACTED] quickly realized his firearm was not functioning and he retreated to his patrol car for cover. Deputy Garcia stepped toward the opened doorway as Deputy [REDACTED] retreated and returned fire on Suspect Garcia.

Deputy [REDACTED], while retreating, broadcasted emergency radio traffic over the "duplex patch", advising of the deputy involved shooting, and requested paramedics respond. From behind the cover of his patrol car, Deputy [REDACTED] "racked" his firearm slide to the rear, in an attempt to correct the suspected firearm malfunction.

**IAB Note:** Sheriff's radio transmissions operate on a "simplex" channel, which means radio communication is only heard between the person transmitting and Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC). When the "duplex patch" is activated, it patches channels together, and changes the frequency from simplex to duplex. This means that deputies can now transmit directly to one another.

Deputy Garcia backed away from Suspect Garcia, toward the cover of a parked vehicle and a nearby tree. While retreating, he tripped on the lip of the curb and fell backward, landing on his back. Deputy Garcia was in Suspect Garcia's direct line of fire. Suspect Garcia attempted to exit the suspect vehicle while shooting at Deputy Garcia through the open car doorway. Deputy Garcia, while transitioning back onto his feet, returned fire, striking Suspect Garcia in the head, ending Suspect Garcia's assault. Suspect Garcia's firearm, a .38 caliber revolver, fell onto the pavement, just below the suspect vehicle's open doorway.

Responding units, including the field sergeant, Sergeant Keith Schumaker, arrived on scene and formulated a rescue team while Compton Fire Department personnel staged nearby. The rescue team tactically approached the suspect vehicle and rescued Witness [REDACTED] from the front passenger seat. Suspect Garcia laid motionless in the rear seat and no longer posed a threat. Compton Fire Department personnel tended to Suspect Garcia and transported him to Saint Francis Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased.

Unit [REDACTED], Deputies [REDACTED], # [REDACTED], and Taylor Ingersoll, # [REDACTED], transported Deputy [REDACTED] to Saint Francis Medical Center via patrol car. The transport was facilitated by a coordinated route of travel with Century Station patrol units. Deputy [REDACTED] was medically treated and released later that morning.

Neither Witness [REDACTED] nor Witness [REDACTED] were injured during the incident.

#### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION:**

The Justice System Integrity Division (J.S.I.D.) of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the fatal shooting of Luis Garcia, by Deputies [REDACTED] and Miguel Garcia. In their letter of opinion [EXHIBIT B], dated June 1, 2018, Head Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded Deputy

██████████ and Deputy Garcia used reasonable deadly force when they fatally wounded Luis Garcia after he shot Deputy ██████████.

**INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY:**

**Miguel Garcia, Deputy Sheriff, #** ██████████  
Central Patrol Division  
Compton Station

Date of Employment:  
Date Assigned to Patrol:  
Date Completed Patrol Training:  
Prior Shooting Incidents:  
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

June 28, 2006  
██████████  
██████████  
██████████

**Equipment Worn On Person**

Deputy Garcia was wearing a long sleeved Class A uniform with a gun belt equipped with his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P, 9mm duty weapon, affixed with a tactical flashlight. Additional equipment included handcuffs, OC Spray, three (3) extra magazines loaded to capacity (17 rounds each), a portable radio, and a back-up firearm carried in his left front pant pocket.

**SUSPECT INFORMATION:**

**Luis Garcia (Deceased)**  
Male Hispanic, Compton resident, D.O.B. April 16, 1992 (25 yrs.), 5'11" / 190 lbs.  
CDL# ██████████, CII # ██████████, MAIN # ██████████, FBI # ██████████

A copy of Suspect Garcia's criminal history is included in the Homicide Investigative Book [EXHIBIT A, pages 250-274].

**WITNESSES:**

The following persons were identified as possible witnesses:

Deputy ██████████, # ██████████  
Deputy ██████████, # ██████████  
Sergeant Keith Schumaker, # ██████████  
Civilian Witness ██████████, FH/A  
Civilian Witness ██████████, FH/A  
Civilian Witness ██████████, MH/A



## **INJURIES:**

### **Suspect Luis Garcia's Injuries**

Suspect Garcia sustained five (5) gunshot wounds. One (1) to his scalp, one (1) to his right thigh, one (1) to his left thigh, one (1) to his left lower leg, and one (1) grazing wound to his right wrist.

See Coroner's report [EXHIBIT A, pages 279-316].

### **Deputy [REDACTED] Injuries**

Deputy [REDACTED] was struck twice by gunfire; once to his left chest, and once to his left upper arm. The bullet to his chest was deflected by his ballistic vest. The impact caused localized swelling and bruising. The gunshot to his left arm entered his bicep, and exited his tricep.

Deputy [REDACTED] was medically treated at Saint Francis Medical Center under Medical Record # [REDACTED], and later released.

See Medical Report [EXHIBIT A. Pages, 157-189].

### **Deputy Miguel Garcia's Injuries**

Deputy Garcia sustained an abrasion to his left elbow as a result of falling on the pavement.

## **PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

The collection of all physical evidence was completed by Forensic Identification Specialists and Senior Criminalists from the Sheriff's Crime Lab, at the direction of Homicide investigators. All collected evidence was documented in the Homicide Investigation Book [EXHIBIT A, pages 15-20, 32-40, and 62-63].

## **INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:**

On May 25, 2017, at approximately 0230 hours, Internal Affairs Lieutenant David Grall, Sergeant Trent Denison, and Sergeant Thomas Arellano responded to the scene. Homicide Lieutenant, Joe Mendoza conducted a briefing of the incident then narrated an escorted walk of the scene.

The scene was described in detail by Homicide Detectives Steven Blagg and Scott Lawler [EXHIBIT A, pages 42-48]. Their description of the scene was consistent with the initial IAB Investigator's observations. The scene was also photographed by Sheriff's Crime Lab personnel. Included in the IAB Case Book are compact discs containing aerial photographs of the scene, photographs of

deputy personnel, photographs of Witnesses [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], crime scene photographs, and photographs of the suspect vehicle [EXHIBIT C].

**WEAPON USED BY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:**

**Deputy Miguel Garcia**

Deputy Miguel Garcia fired twelve (12) rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P, 9mm semiautomatic pistol.

The firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist Tracy Peck of Scientific Services Bureau Firearms Identification Section and found it to be functional [EXHIBIT A, pages 231-232].

Date last qualified:

Date last trained with weapon:



**WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:**

**Suspect Luis Garcia**

Suspect Luis Garcia was armed with an Iver Johnson's Arms & Cycle Works, double action five (5) shot revolver. The firearm contained five (5) expended, .38 caliber S&W cartridge cases. The barrel had been shortened to approximately 2 and 1/16 inches. The firearm was test fired and determined to be functional [EXHIBIT A, pages 235-236].

**PROPERTY DAMAGE:**

The suspect vehicle, a 1998 Cadillac Seville, STS, bearing Utah license plate # [REDACTED], was damaged by gunfire.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND CHARGES FILED:**

Investigators: Los Angeles County Homicide Detectives Guillermo Morales and Marc Boskovich.

Charges: None, Suspect deceased.

**LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:**

The incident took place on an overcast evening, on a residential roadway. The west side of the roadway was lined with staggered overhead streetlamps; however, the incident occurred between two (2) streetlamps that were not functioning. The radio car headlamps provided additional illumination.

## **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE'S STATEMENTS:**

*The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed any reports authored by the involved deputies.*

### **Involved Employee Deputy Miguel Garcia**

#### **Homicide Interview**

On May 25, 2017, Homicide Detectives Guillermo Morales and Marc Boskovich interviewed Deputy Miguel Garcia. The interview was audio recorded, transcribed, and summarized in the Homicide Investigative Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 67-69]**. The following is a brief summary of the interview.

On May 24, 2017, Deputies [REDACTED] and Garcia were in a marked black and white patrol car when they effected a traffic stop of the suspect vehicle. Both, Deputy [REDACTED] and Deputy Garcia were dressed in full class "A" uniforms.

Prior to yielding, the suspect vehicle accelerated a few feet before coming to a stop. Deputy Garcia saw this as a "red flag," and suspected the vehicle's occupants were possibly attempting to hide or retrieve something. Deputy Garcia approached the suspect vehicle on the passenger side and discovered a rear right seat passenger (Suspect Garcia). Deputy Garcia positioned himself near the right rear tire, where he maintained a visual of Suspect Garcia and the front seat passenger, Witness [REDACTED]. Deputy [REDACTED] contacted the driver (Witness [REDACTED]).

Deputy [REDACTED] had Witness [REDACTED] exit the suspect vehicle and escorted her toward their patrol car. Deputy Garcia became concerned when Suspect Garcia began moving around in the back seat. Deputy Garcia told Deputy [REDACTED] they needed to remove Suspect Garcia from the vehicle. Deputy [REDACTED] had Witness [REDACTED] place her hands on the hood of the patrol car, then returned to the suspect vehicle to extract Suspect Garcia from the right rear seat.

Deputy Garcia heard Deputy [REDACTED] say something to the effect of, "Don't reach," or, "Don't grab it," shortly after Deputy [REDACTED] opened the car door. Deputy [REDACTED] and Suspect Garcia then exchanged gunfire. Deputy Garcia was unable to engage Suspect Garcia because Deputy [REDACTED] was in his line of fire. Both Deputies [REDACTED] and Garcia retreated for cover. Deputy Garcia fell onto his back as he attempted to back out of the line of fire. Suspect Garcia fired at Deputy Garcia while attempting to exit the suspect vehicle. Deputy Garcia, fearing for his life, returned fire, fatally wounding Suspect Garcia.

**IAB Note:** Deputy Garcia surrendered his firearm to homicide investigators during the interview. A "round count" was conducted to determine the number of shots he fired. Six (6) live bullet cartridges were recovered from his firearm. Deputy Garcia did not perform a tactical reload [EXHIBIT A, page 69].

Prior to the shooting incident, Deputy Garcia's firearm was loaded to capacity with one (1) bullet cartridge in the chamber and seventeen (17) bullet cartridges in the seated magazine.

### **Internal Affairs Bureau interview**

On February 26, 2019, IAB investigators, Sergeants Thomas Arellano and Victor Puebla interviewed Deputy Miguel Garcia. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview.

On May 24, 2017, Deputies Garcia and [REDACTED] effected a traffic stop of a white vehicle (suspect vehicle). Deputy Garcia approached the suspect vehicle first, taking a tactical position adjacent to the right rear tire. Deputy [REDACTED] approached the suspect vehicle and contacted the driver, Witness [REDACTED]. Deputy Garcia observed the silhouette of a rear seat occupant (Suspect Garcia) through the rear passenger door window tint. Suspect Garcia's hands were raised in front of him. Deputy Garcia maintained a tactical advantage by not announcing his presence to the vehicle's occupants.

Deputy [REDACTED] had Witness [REDACTED] exit the suspect vehicle and escorted her to their patrol car, a practice Deputies [REDACTED] and Garcia commonly used during traffic stops. Suspect Garcia lowered his hands when Deputy [REDACTED] escorted Witness [REDACTED] away. Deputy Garcia illuminated Suspect Garcia with his handheld flashlight, and Suspect Garcia returned his hands in the air.

Suspect Garcia began moving around in his seat, causing concern to Deputy Garcia. Deputy Garcia retrieved his firearm and told Deputy [REDACTED] that Suspect Garcia was moving around a lot and they needed to remove him from the vehicle.

Deputies Garcia and [REDACTED] common practice was to do a back seat detention of the driver; however, the practice was interrupted by Deputy Garcia's urgency to remove Suspect Garcia. Deputy [REDACTED] told Witness [REDACTED] to place her hands on the patrol car's hood and she complied. Deputy [REDACTED] then approached the suspect vehicle to remove Suspect Garcia.

Suspect Garcia's hands were raised in front of him as Deputy [REDACTED] opened the suspect vehicle's door. Deputy [REDACTED] stood in the open doorway and

instructed Suspect Garcia to exit the suspect vehicle. Suspect Garcia appeared to cooperate, and lowered his hands as if he was going to remove his seat belt. Suddenly, Deputy [REDACTED] said something to the effect of, "Hey,,, no,,, don't,,,," "Stop," "Show me your hands." Deputy Garcia then heard two to three rapid fired gunshots and saw muzzle flashes coming from the back seat of the vehicle.

Deputy [REDACTED] "flinched" as the gunfire erupted. He said the incident transpired so rapidly that Deputy Garcia was unsure if Deputy [REDACTED] was able to retrieve his firearm; however, he suspected Deputy [REDACTED] was returning fire, firing from the hip.

Deputy Garcia immediately recognized Suspect Garcia was shooting at Deputy [REDACTED], trying to kill him. Deputy Garcia knew his responsibility as the "cover" deputy, was to protect his partner, Deputy [REDACTED], but he did not have a line of sight on Suspect Garcia to return fire. Deputy Garcia refrained from shooting into the suspect vehicle because Deputy [REDACTED] was in his line of fire, and the front seat passenger, Witness [REDACTED], was in his backdrop.

In an attempt to engage Suspect Garcia, Deputy Garcia shuffle stepped to his right and extended his firearm over and beyond Deputy [REDACTED] right shoulder. Deputy Garcia fired two to three rounds at Suspect Garcia while Deputy [REDACTED] moved out of the kill zone and retreated for cover. Witness [REDACTED] leaned toward the vehicle's dashboard when the gunfire erupted.

Deputy Garcia backed away toward the cover of a van parked adjacent to the suspect vehicle after he returned fire to Suspect Garcia. As Deputy Garcia backed toward cover, he tripped on the lip of a driveway, falling onto his back on the sidewalk. Suspect Garcia planted his feet on the pavement and attempted to exit the suspect vehicle. Suspect Garcia looked toward Deputy [REDACTED], who was retreating, and pointed his firearm at him. Deputy Garcia was unable to engage Suspect Garcia because the momentum of the fall caused his legs to kick up in front of him, putting them in his line of fire.

Suspect Garcia suddenly turned his attention on Deputy Garcia and opened fire toward him. Deputy Garcia, while recovering from his fall, fired five to six rounds in rapid succession, aiming at the muzzle flash emerging from Suspect Garcia's firearm. Suspect Garcia ended his assault when he was struck in the head by Deputy Garcia's gunfire.

Deputy Garcia stopped firing at Suspect Garcia when he saw Suspect Garcia lay back in his seat. Suspect Garcia's firearm then fell onto the pavement below his feet. Deputy Garcia was about to put out emergent radio traffic, but he heard Deputy [REDACTED] already on the duplex patch. Deputy [REDACTED] initially put out the incorrect location of the incident, so Deputy Garcia used his handheld

radio to broadcast the corrected location. Deputy Garcia gave commands to Witness [REDACTED] to stay in the vehicle and she complied.

Assisting units arrived and removed Deputies [REDACTED] and Garcia from the incident. A rescue team with a ballistic shield approached the suspect vehicle as Deputy Garcia was removed from the incident.

Deputy Garcia estimated the shooting incident was approximately ten (10) seconds in duration.

### **WITNESS STATEMENTS:**

**Deputy [REDACTED]**

#### **Homicide Interview**

On May 25, 2017, Homicide Detectives Guillermo Morales and Marc Boskovich interviewed Deputy [REDACTED]. The interview was audio recorded, transcribed, and summarized in the Homicide Investigative Book [EXHIBIT A, pages 65-67]. The following is a brief summary of the interview.

On May 24, 2017, at approximately 2340 hours, Deputies [REDACTED] and Garcia effected a traffic stop of the suspect vehicle, which was occupied by three occupants (Witness [REDACTED], Witness [REDACTED], and Suspect Garcia).

Deputy [REDACTED] contacted the driver, Witness [REDACTED], at the suspect vehicle's driver's door. He became uncomfortable when Witness [REDACTED] began searching for her driver's license, so he had her exit the vehicle. During this initial contact, Deputy [REDACTED] noticed the right rear passenger, Suspect Garcia, appeared "nervous and scared." Although a little concerning, Deputy [REDACTED] was confident Deputy Garcia was watching Suspect Garcia and Witness [REDACTED].

Deputy [REDACTED] proceeded to escort Witness [REDACTED] to the front of his patrol car. Witness [REDACTED] did not appear to be a threat. Deputy [REDACTED] then contacted Suspect Garcia at the suspect vehicle's right rear door. Suspect Garcia's hands were in front of him, elevated over his lap. Suspect Garcia kept reaching toward a dark bag that was to his left.

Suddenly, Suspect Garcia retrieved a firearm and immediately fired two to four shots at Deputy [REDACTED], who was still standing in the open doorway. Deputy [REDACTED], fearing for his life and the life of his partner, retrieved his duty weapon and fired what he believed to be two to four rounds at Suspect Garcia. Deputy [REDACTED] quickly realized his firearm was not functioning. He retreated to his patrol car for cover while broadcasting emergency radio traffic. While retreating, Deputy [REDACTED] realized he was injured by the suspect's gunfire.

Assisting units arrived quickly and took over the scene. Deputy [REDACTED] was transported by radio car to Saint Francis Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries and later released.

**IAB Note:** Deputy [REDACTED] surrendered his firearm to Homicide investigators during the interview. A "round count" was conducted to determine the number of shots he fired. Fifteen (15) live bullet cartridges were recovered from the firearm. Deputy [REDACTED] did not perform a tactical reload [EXHIBIT A, page 66].

One (1) additional live bullet cartridge, later determined to be from Deputy [REDACTED]'s firearm was recovered at the scene.

During the course of the criminal investigation, it was determined Deputy [REDACTED]'s firearm did not discharge.

#### **Internal Affairs Bureau Interview**

On February 26, 2019, IAB investigators, Sergeants Thomas Arellano and Victor Puebla interviewed Deputy [REDACTED]. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview.

On May 24, 2017, Deputy [REDACTED] was working Unit [REDACTED], with his regularly assigned radio car partner, Deputy Garcia. Deputy [REDACTED] drove and Deputy Garcia was the bookman. It was common for them to discuss various scenarios to improve their tactical working relationship.

Deputy [REDACTED]'s duty weapon was outfitted with a factory installed manual safety feature. He carried his holstered firearm in the "safe" position, loaded to capacity with Department issued 9mm ammunition. His firearm was complimented with a tactical light and laser sight.

On May 24, 2017, at approximately 2340 hours, Deputy [REDACTED] observed the suspect vehicle exhibiting vehicle code violations (obstructed view, and failure to use turn signal). He prepared to effect a traffic stop by activating his overhead lights and briefly sounding the siren to ensure the driver acknowledged their presence. Deputy [REDACTED] was on a little bit of heightened alert when he saw movement in the rear seat, and the suspect vehicle did not immediately come to a complete stop, but instead, drove a few additional feet. Deputy [REDACTED] was uncertain if he relayed his concerns to Deputy Garcia.

Deputy [REDACTED] offset the patrol car with the suspect vehicle and with a sense of urgency, approached the driver (Witness [REDACTED]). After requesting her

driver's license, Deputy [REDACTED] elected to have her exit the suspect vehicle. Deputy [REDACTED] sensed something was not right with the rear passenger (Suspect Garcia), so he promptly escorted Witness [REDACTED] to his patrol car and had her place her hands on the hood so that he could contact Suspect Garcia.

Deputy [REDACTED] approached the suspect vehicle at the right rear passenger door. Upon opening the car door, he observed Suspect Garcia's hands slightly elevated above his lap. Deputy [REDACTED] ordered Suspect Garcia to put his hands on the seat in front of him. Suspect Garcia began to reach to his left, toward a dark bag that was beside his lap. Deputy [REDACTED], concerned Suspect Garcia was attempting to retrieve something from the bag, possibly a firearm, immediately repeated his command, while simultaneously retrieving his firearm from its holster.

Suspect Garcia quickly reached to his left with his right hand and retrieved a firearm. Suspect Garcia opened fire on Deputy [REDACTED], striking him twice, before Deputy [REDACTED] was able to fully un-holster his firearm. Deputy [REDACTED] felt pain on his chest and arm and immediately realized he was struck by Suspect Garcia's gunfire.

Believing Suspect Garcia was attempting to kill him and his partner, Deputy [REDACTED] pointed his firearm at Suspect Garcia and fired what he believed to be three to four shots, as he backed away from the "danger spot." Deputy [REDACTED] utilized his handheld radio as he retreated for cover to advise he was involved in a "998." Deputy [REDACTED] heard an additional four to five gunshots as he retreated to the cover of his patrol car.

**IAB Note: The term "998" is a radio code utilized to identify a deputy involved shooting.**

Suspecting his firearm may have malfunctioned, Deputy [REDACTED] did a tactical "tap-rack" maneuver to clear the suspected jam. From his position of cover, Deputy [REDACTED] observed Deputy Garcia to his right, behind a parked vehicle. Witness [REDACTED] had moved away from the patrol car, and was on the ground, also seeking cover. The sound of gunfire had ceased.

From the cover of his patrol car, Deputy [REDACTED] maintained his firearm focused on the suspect vehicle, acknowledging Witness [REDACTED] was still in the front passenger seat. Assisting units arrived quickly and removed Deputy [REDACTED] from the scene to render him medical aid. Deputies applied a tourniquet to his injured arm and drove him to Saint Francis Medical Center.

**Deputy [REDACTED]**

Deputy [REDACTED] was working Unit [REDACTED], with Deputy Clark Theodore, # [REDACTED]. Deputy Theodore was in the latter stage of patrol training and Deputy [REDACTED]



was his assigned training officer. They responded to the scene of the shooting after hearing emergent radio traffic of a deputy involved shooting.

Numerous deputies were on scene with their firearms pointed at the suspect vehicle when they arrived. Deputy [REDACTED] recalled seeing two females in the front seat of the suspect vehicle, and Suspect Garcia's feet planted on the pavement outside the open vehicle's door.

Deputy [REDACTED] saw Suspect [REDACTED] was bleeding from a bullet wound to his arm, and removed him from the situation. He directed two deputies on scene to transport Deputy [REDACTED] to a local hospital.

Deputy [REDACTED] delegated responsibilities to deputies on scene and took part in a tactical approach to clear the suspect vehicle of any threats. Deputy [REDACTED] had a vague recollection on the details of the vehicle approach, but he recalled a ballistic shield was utilized. Deputy [REDACTED] observed Suspect Garcia motionless in the back seat, with a bullet wound to the face.

Paramedics were summoned to the scene and removed Suspect Garcia from the suspect vehicle and transported him to a hospital.

### **Sergeant Keith Schumaker**

On February 28, 2019, IAB investigators, Sergeants Thomas Arellano and Victor Puebla interviewed Sergeant Keith Schumaker. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview.

Sergeant Schumaker was working as the early morning shift field sergeant. His regular assignment is the SAO Team Sergeant. Deputies [REDACTED] and Garcia were assigned to the SAO team and were on duty when the shooting incident occurred.

Sergeant Schumaker responded to the scene of the shooting after hearing Deputy [REDACTED] broadcast emergent radio traffic that he had been involved in a shooting. Sergeant Schumaker responded from Compton Sheriff's Station. Two to four patrol units were already on scene when he arrived.

Deputies [REDACTED] and Garcia, as well as assisting deputies, were behind the cover of patrol cars with their firearms focused on the suspect vehicle. Two deputies removed Deputy [REDACTED] from the situation when they saw he was bleeding from his elbow. The deputies transported Deputy [REDACTED] in their patrol car to a local hospital.

A female (Witness [REDACTED]) was secured in a patrol car after she was discovered hunched behind a nearby car. Sergeant Schumaker was unsure at the time if Witness [REDACTED] had anything to do with the incident. Deputy Garcia advised Sergeant Schumaker there were no outstanding suspects.

Sergeant Schumaker observed Suspect Garcia's legs protruding from the open rear passenger door of the suspect vehicle. Deputies on scene made numerous verbal commands toward the suspect vehicle, but he saw no movement by Suspect Garcia. One deputy on scene took cover behind a parked vehicle and a tree to get a closer look into the suspect vehicle. The deputy reported no movement by Suspect Garcia.

Sergeant Schumaker formulated a rescue team, and together they tactically approached the suspect vehicle. Sergeant Schumaker observed a gunshot wound to Suspect Garcia's face, and observed what appeared to be grey matter on the upholstery behind Suspect Garcia's head. Sergeant Schumaker and the rescue team backed away from the suspect vehicle and directed paramedics, who he believed were staged nearby, to respond to render medical aid to Suspect Garcia.

Sergeant Schumaker briefed about the shooting incident on the days and weeks following the incident, during in-service briefings.

#### **Homicide Interview of Civilian Witness, [REDACTED]**

On May 25, 2017, Homicide Detectives Guillermo Morales and Marc Boskovich interviewed Witness [REDACTED]. The interview was audio recorded, transcribed, and summarized in the Homicide Investigative Book [EXHIBIT A, pages 70-72]. The following is a brief summary of the interview.

Witness [REDACTED] was driving the suspect vehicle when deputies pulled her over. Suspect Garcia, who she knew as, "Maniac," and Witness [REDACTED], were with her at the time of the traffic stop. Witness [REDACTED] recently met both of them and smoked "Meth" with Suspect Garcia earlier in the day. Suspect Garcia also smoked a black substance, packaged in foil, which smelled really bad. Witness [REDACTED] knew Suspect Garcia was involved with a street gang, but she was unsure which gang.

When deputies pulled up behind her, Suspect Garcia said, "Oh fuck. I have a "burner" on me" (*street slang for possession of a firearm*). Suspect Garcia told Witness [REDACTED] not to stop, but to continue driving.

Witness [REDACTED] thought of her kids and chose to yield to the patrol car. The driver deputy, Deputy [REDACTED], had her exit the vehicle after asking for her driver's license. She was told to put her hands on the hood of the patrol car, then both deputies briefly spoke to each other. The deputies opened the car door where "Maniac" was seated and spoke with him. Suddenly she heard the sound of gunshots.

Witness [REDACTED] ran for cover behind the patrol car door. When she looked up, Deputy [REDACTED] was at the rear of the patrol car talking on his radio. Witness

█████ assumed the passenger deputy (Deputy Garcia) and Suspect Garcia were exchanging gunfire. Witness █████ then moved to a nearby vehicle, where she hid in the fetal position to avoid being struck by gunfire.

Shortly afterward, Deputy Garcia and Deputy █████ were together behind the patrol car. Deputy █████ told Deputy Garcia he was hit by gunfire, but said his vest stopped the bullet. Witness █████ was then detained in the back seat of a patrol car and several additional patrol units arrived on scene.

#### **Homicide interview of Civilian Witness, █████**

On May 25, 2017, Homicide Detectives Guillermo Morales and Marc Boskovich interviewed Witness █████. The interview was audio recorded, transcribed, and summarized in the Homicide Investigative Book [EXHIBIT A, pages 72-74]. The following is a brief summary of the interview.

Witness █████ was seated in the front passenger seat when deputies pulled them over. Witness █████, who she met a couple of hours prior, was driving. Suspect Garcia, who she met a couple of months prior, went by the moniker, "Maniac." He was seated in the rear seat. Witness █████ admitted to being a member of "CV70," a Compton street gang, and goes by the moniker, "Grumpy." She admitted to using methamphetamine the evening prior to the shooting incident.

Witness █████ said Witness █████ appeared nervous when the deputies activated their lights and siren. Witness █████ asked what she should do. Suspect Garcia told her to drop him off so that he could run. Suspect Garcia said something about having a gun on him. Witness █████ suspected Suspect Garcia had outstanding warrants for his arrest.

Witness █████ pulled over and a deputy, (Deputy █████) had her exit the vehicle. There was a second deputy (Deputy Garcia) on the passenger side of the vehicle. He did not say anything, but he shined his flashlight into the vehicle.

Witness █████ remained in her seat and heard the right rear door open. She was unsure who opened it, Suspect Garcia, or the deputies. Suddenly she heard gunshots. Witness █████ ducked in her seat and believed she blacked out. When she came to, she saw Suspect Garcia on his back in the rear seat. She told Suspect Garcia to try to stay alive.

Deputies eventually had her exit the vehicle and detained her in handcuffs in the rear seat of a patrol car. Witness █████ said she did not see the deputies when the shooting occurred.

## **Homicide Interview of Civilian Witness, [REDACTED]**

On May 25, 2017, Homicide Detectives Guillermo Morales and Marc Boskovich interviewed Witness [REDACTED]. The interview was audio recorded, transcribed, and summarized in the Homicide Investigative Book [EXHIBIT A, pages 74-75]. The following is a brief summary of the interview.

Witness [REDACTED] was sitting in his vehicle in the parking lot of the Shell gas station on the Southeast corner of Rosecrans Avenue, and Santa Fe Avenue. He heard a siren, then saw a patrol car pull over a white vehicle on Santa Fe Avenue, approximately [REDACTED] feet from where he was parked.

Two deputies approached the white vehicle. The driver deputy, (Deputy [REDACTED]) escorted the female driver (Witness [REDACTED]) to the front of the patrol car. Witness [REDACTED] placed her hands on the hood of the car and Deputy [REDACTED] returned to the white car. Five to ten seconds later, Witness [REDACTED] heard the sound of five to six gunshots coming from the direction of the traffic stop. Witness [REDACTED] hunkered down in his vehicle for protection. A few moments later, Witness [REDACTED] looked in the direction of the traffic stop and saw both deputies behind their patrol car, as if they were waiting for additional units to respond.

Witness [REDACTED] stood outside of his vehicle and watched as paramedics arrived and remove a male (Suspect Garcia) from the white vehicle.

### **RADIO TRANSMISSIONS:**

*The following is a timeline summary based off of radio traffic from radio frequency, Dispatch-9.*

**23:42:00** - 998 radio traffic – Atlantic and Rosecrans.  
**23:42:37** - Aero acknowledges radio traffic.  
**23:42:41** - Unit corrects broadcasted location to Santa Fe and Rosecrans.  
**23:42:47** - Unit asked if a containment is needed.  
**23:42:54** - Unit requests 902R and advised suspect is down.  
**23:43:23** - Aero advised they are three minutes out.  
**23:43:34** - 280S advised he is less than three minutes out.  
**23:43:55** - Unit advised deputy is hit and requests 902R.  
**23:44:09** - Unit coordinates containment of scene.  
**23:44:27** - Unit requests fire stage at Santa Fe and Rosecrans.  
**23:44:31** - SCC – advised Century Station is now patched in with Compton Station.  
**23:44:48** - 280S and additional units advised they are Code 6.  
**23:45:19** - Unit coordinates with Century Station to block intersection for deputy transport to Saint Francis Medical Center.  
**23:47:14** - Unit advised deputy is in transport to hospital Code-3.

- 23:47:22 - Unit advised they are clearing suspect vehicle.  
23:47:33 - Unit Coordinates route to Saint Francis Medical Center for deputy transport.  
23:48:40 - Fire was directed to roll in.

All radio traffic associated with this incident is included as **[EXHIBIT D]**.

**VIDEO RECORDINGS:**

There were no video recordings of the shooting incident located or identified. Pre-traffic stop video images from nearby businesses and residences were recovered and reviewed by Homicide investigators. It was determined the recovered video images did not capture the shooting incident.

A synopsis of the recovered video footage was documented in the Homicide Investigative Book, **[EXHIBIT A, pages 76-83]**.

Copies of the aforementioned video footage is included on DVD as **[EXHIBIT E]**.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Deputy Clark Theodore, Deputy [REDACTED] [REDACTED], was on extended military leave and was unavailable for an interview. He assisted in the clearing of the vehicle and was not present during the shooting incident.